

Remarks

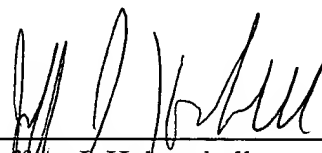
This paper is being submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed November 29, 2004. The communication alleged that the claim status identifiers did not comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

Applicants respectfully disagree that the previous response constituted a non-compliant amendment. Applicant reserves all its rights relative to the Notice, including the right to argue for an extension of patent term. However, in an effort to expedite prosecution of this case, the allegedly non-compliant section (i.e. the claims) of the amendment is being re-submitted. The Status Identifiers of some of the claims have been changed. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for substantive examination.

Prompt consideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due for the submission of this response. If this is in error, please charge deposit account no. 13-2546 any fee required for the timely entry of this response.

Respectfully submitted,



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